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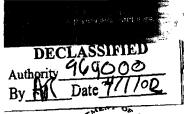
SUBU: USSR RATIFIES TREATY WITH IRAG AND SUPPORTS IPC

NATIONALIZATION

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RELATION TON MERET

1. SOVIET PRESS GAVE RELATIVELY HEAVY COVERAGE TO RATIFICATION OF TREATY WITH IRAQ JUNE 13 AND VISIT BY IRAQI DELEGATION LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER ABOEL BAKI, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF CONTINUING PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR RECENT IRAQI NATIONALIZATION OF IPC. IRAQI DIPLOMATS HERE HAVE BEEN RETICENT ON OUTCOME OF BAKI'S MEETINGS WITH SOVIETS, BUT ARABS IN TOUCH WITH IRAQI EMBASSY HAVE IMPRESSION THAT IRAQIS ARE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED. BRITISH EMBASSY HAS REPORT THAT TALKS WITH SOVIETS HAD SOBERED IRAQIS, WHO NOW REALIZE MORE FULLY NOT ONLY



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COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS CAUSED BY NATIONALIZATION BUT ALSO LIMITS ON HELP THEY CAN EXPECT FROM MOSCOW. LIBYAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR TELLS US, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS HAVE AGREED TO HELP BUT BY TAKING REPAYMENT IN OIL FOR SOME SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED TO BAGHDAD.

2. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS OF JUNE 9 JOINT SESSION OF SOVIET FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS TREATY RATIFICATION, FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV CLAIMED THAT SOVIET/IRAGI CONSULTATIONS IN MOSCOW ON IPC NATIONALIZATION HAD BEEN CONDUCTED "SUCCESSFULLY" AND SAID "SOVIET SIDE HAD EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TAKEN BY IRAGI GOVERNMENT." HE AVOIDED GIVING ANY DETAILS. AT SAME SESSION CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER PONOMAREV ASSERTED THAT TREATY NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THIRD COUNTRIES, (A POINT ALSO EMPHASIZED BY PODGORNY ON JUNE 13 DURING RATIFICATION PROCEEDINGS) AND ACCORDS WITH SOVIET/EGYPTIAN TREATY SIGNED LAST YEAR. PONOMAREV STRESSED IRAG'S RIGHT TO NATIONALIZE AND SOVIET READINESS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING IRAGI DEVELOPMENT OF OLS OIL RESOURCES, THEMES THAT HAVE BEEN REPLAYED IN PRESS ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES.

3. MEANWHILE, SOVIET CONCERN OVER TRAGE DOMESTIC POLITICAL. ĎIVISIONS, PARTICULARLY MOSCOWES ANNOYANCE THAT THE BAATH PARTY, IRAGI CP, AND KURDS HAVE NOT MADE MORE PROGRESS IN FORMATION OF IRAQI NATIONAL FRONT WAS RELFECTED IN JUNE 7 ARTICLE BY IZVESTIYA POLÎTICAL OBSERVER KUDRYAVTSEV. CLAIMING TO HAVE INTERVIEWED LEADERS OF ALL THREE POLITICAL: FORCES: KUDRYATSEV DELICATELY ADVISED BAATH PARTY THAT IT CANNOT ACHIEVE DESTRED REFORMS UNLESS IT COOPERATES WITH IRAGI CP AND KURDS. HE DIRECTED MAJOR CRITICISM. HOWEVER, AT "POLITICIANS" WHO PERMIT "MINOR QUESTIONS" TO BLOCK TRADI NATIONAL FRONT. IN IDEOLOGICAL LECTURE WHICH APPEARS LARGELY DIRECTED AT IRAGI CP, KUDRYAVTSEV ADMONISHED "POLITICIANS" TO ACCEPT FACT THAT "BAATH PARTY IS IN POWER" AND URGED COOPERATION WITH IRAGES RULING PARTY, RECALLING LENIN'S ADVICE TO COMMUNISTS "TO MERGE. TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, WITH BROADEST MASSES. . . PRIMARILY WITH THE PROLETARIANS (BEGIN UNDERLINE) BUT ALSO WITH THE NON-PROLETARIAN " (END UNDERLINE). GP - 3 .

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